

Escalon Consolidated Fire
Protection District

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Board of Directors

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Billy Mekelburg, Vice Chairperson
Mikey Schilber, Secretary
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Zach Hogan, Director

Rick Mello, Fire Chief

Post Date: March 6, 2023

Board of Directors Meeting
1531 1st Street, Escalon, CA 95320
March 9, 2023, at 4 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Joe Camara, Board Chairperson
Billy Mekelburg, Vice Chairperson
Mickey Schilber, Secretary
Jason Koops, Director
Zach Hogan, Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

This time is provided for the public to address the Board of Directors on items not on the Agenda which are within the jurisdiction of the Board and are offered for the good of the District. Public comments regarding items on the Agenda should be given at the time of the item. Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person.

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 9, 2022.

V. BILLS

Bills for the month of February in the amount of \$24,460.96.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Status of Board Member Online Ethics & Sexual Harassment Training

Presented by: Fire Chief, Rick Mello

Requested Action / Purpose:

Attachments:

B. Discuss Dates for Board Public Law Board Governance Training

Presented by: Fire Chief, Rick Mello

Requested Action / Purpose:

Attachments:

C. Form 700

Presented by: Fire Chief, Rick Mello

Requested Action / Purpose:

Attachments:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. No new business.

X. ACCOUNCEMENTS OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. located at 1531 1st Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is April 13, 2023.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. No Closed Session

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

The Board President, Fire Chief or District Counsel will notify the public regarding any reportable action taken during closed session.

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

I, Joe Camara, Board Chairperson for the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Agenda was posted at the District Office, 1749 Coley Avenue, Escalon, California 95320 at least 72 hours prior to the time of this Meeting.

Date: March 6, 2023


By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2023

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District was called to order by Director Joe Camara at 4:01 p.m. on February 9, 2023.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Joe Camara, Billy Mekelburg, Jason Koops, and Zach Hogan.
Directors Absent: Mickey Schilber

Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Joe Pelot, Firefighter Engineer Ryan Burr, Reserve Firefighter Nathan Rodriguez, Battalion Chief Moe Silva and Ralph Saxton – Cromwell & Ney.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No public comment.

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on January 12, 2023, were approved on a motion by Director Mekelburg and a second by Director Koops.
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

V. BILLS

January bills in the amount of \$37,461.05 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Hogan and a second by Director Mekelburg.
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No communications.

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - February 2023

A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 98 calls for the month and 98 for 2023.

B. Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program

- a. January Drills

1-10-2023	Reserve/Volunteer Program Meeting	(9 participants)
1-18-2023	Ground Ladder Operations	(8 participants)
1-26-2023	Cross Lay Deployment	(7 participants)
- b. We have 7 interviews scheduled for possible reserve/volunteer candidates.
- c. The annual training calendar has been completed and will be reviewed with all career personnel in February.
- d. New uniform shirt program is underway. Engineer Burr has been developing new designs and checking on new vendors.

C. Prevention

Two new businesses: A taco truck will be parked near 4th and Main. Napa Auto Parts is now open on Hwy 120.
Almond Grove Mobile Estates 5 year hydrant inspection completed.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- a. Battalion Pickup went to Tom Hillier Ford for service.
- b. Repaired a coolant leak on E 1-1 in-house.
- c. E 1-1 went to Burton's Fire for repairs.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- a. We have received bids on the bathroom addition/remodel.
- b. We have received bids for the Solar Project and are working with the county on the process.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- a. Meeting 2-1-23, general business.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- a. Meeting 1-18-23, canceled due to weather emergency.

H. Miscellaneous

- a. One of two Pyramid Mobile repeaters has been installed. The first unit was installed on Brush 1-1. The second unit will go on E 1-1 once the radio technicians have created a "patch" to interface with the headsets.
- b. We have secured Friday, April 28, 2023, for the Appreciation Dinner.
- c. We are currently in a trial period for a new Reserve/Volunteer shift pay system.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discuss Board Member Training Ethics / Public Law / Sexual Harassment – Fire Chief Rick Mello

- a. Chief Mello to schedule Allie and receive training dates.
- b. Admin. Assistant to email members Ethics and Sexual Harassment training information.

- B. ARPA Funding – Fire Chief Rick Mello
 - a. On a motion by Director Hogan and a second by Director Koops.
 - b. Approved Bauer Compressors for SCBA Fill Station.
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT
 - c. On a motion by Director Mekelburg and a second by Director Koops.
 - d. Approved Bauer Compressors for MSA SCBA.
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT
- C. ARPA Funding – Supplemental Costs from COVID Funds – Fire Chief Rick Mello
 - a. Nothing to present.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Cromwell & Ney Liability Insurance Presentation – Ralph Saxton
- B. Discussion / Possible Action Board Committees – Director Camara
 - a. Public Information Committee
 - i. No need for Committee
 - b. Personnel Organization Committee
 - i. No need for Committee
 - c. Operations
 - i. No need for Committee
 - d. Finance Committee
 - i. Director Camara appoint Director Hogan and Director Mekelburg
 - ii. Expires end of December 2023
 - iii. Assist Fire Chief Rick Mello with budgeting.
- C. Bathroom Remodel / Addition
 - a. On a motion by Director Camara and a second by Director Koops.
 - b. Approved Blackdog Construction for Bathroom Remodel/Addition.
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT
- D. Furnace Replacement – Training Room
 - a. On a motion by Director Mekelburg and a second by Director Koops.
 - b. Approved HMS for furnace replacement.
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT
- E. Form 700
 - a. Requested Annual Form 700
 - b. Due April 2023

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Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District
Profit & Loss Detail
 February 2023

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 03/06/23
 Cash Basis

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou...	Paid Amo...	Balance
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
Deposit	02/10/2023	Ayera Technologies	JAN - DEC 2023 TOWER SPACE RENT	600.00	600.00	600.00
Total Communication						
Fire Recovery Fee						
Deposit	02/10/2023	Fire Recover USA, LLC	ESCALON CON 11-3-2022	467.25	467.25	467.25
Total Fire Recovery Fee						
Property Tax						
Deposit	02/10/2023	County of San Joaquin	DEC 2022 ADV	717,717.34	717,717.34	717,717.34
Total Property Tax						
Total Income						
Expense						
Communications						
Check	02/08/2023	GoTo Communications, ...	MONTHLY SERVICE	379.75	379.75	379.75
Bill	02/09/2023	Joint Radio Users Group...	DISPATCH FEE W/O EMS; W/EMS; MEMBER FEE; MEDS EPCR ...	2,539.79	2,539.79	2,919.54
Check	02/16/2023	GoTo Communications, ...	MONTHLY SERVICE	411.29	411.29	3,330.83
Bill	02/25/2023	AT&T	MONTHLY SERVICE	260.74	260.74	3,591.57
Total Communications						
Firefighter Safety Gear						
Credit	02/02/2023	L.N. Curtis and Sons	RETURN 4M SIZE BOOT	-213.33	-213.33	-213.33
Credit	02/07/2023	L.N. Curtis and Sons	RETURN NOZZLE	-460.06	-23.21	-236.54
Check	02/14/2023	Amazon	5 X REFLECTIVE FIRE VEST - LIME GREEN	96.40	96.40	-140.14
Total Firefighter Safety Gear						
Fuel						
Credit...	02/06/2023	Flying J	FUEL	45.00	45.00	45.00
Bill	02/09/2023	Valley Pacific Petroleum...	FUEL	632.34	632.34	677.34
Credit...	02/16/2023	Flying J	FUEL	43.00	43.00	720.34
Credit...	02/16/2023	Flying J	FUEL	43.00	43.00	763.34

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Bill	02/25/2023	Valley Pacific Petroleum...	FUEL	441.07	441.07	1,204.41
Credit...	02/28/2023		Service Charge	57.48	57.48	1,241.89
Total Fuel						
Health Insurance						
Bill	02/09/2023	CaliforniaChoice Benefit...	MARCH 2023	10,729.57	10,729.57	10,729.57
Bill	02/25/2023	Sun Life Financial	MARCH 2023	152.24	152.24	10,881.81
Bill	02/25/2023	Premier Access	MARCH 2023	1,017.24	1,017.24	11,899.05
Total Health Insurance						
Household						
Bill	02/09/2023	Sutter Gould Medical Fo...	EMPLOYEE LABS	191.00	191.00	191.00
Bill	02/09/2023	Brady Industries	TOWEL ROLL; DISINFECTANT; CLEANER; CANLINER; HVY D...	238.04	238.04	429.04
Check	02/15/2023	Amazon	3 X 50 CNT COFFEE CREAMER	75.00	75.00	504.04
Check	02/21/2023	D'Boni's Pizza	INC# 2023-159 - FOOD FOR ALMOND HULL FIRE	147.79	147.79	651.83
Check	02/22/2023	Al's Certified Safe and L...	STATION 2 - PWR CYCLED SYSTEM	141.00	141.00	792.83
Check	02/27/2023	Relish Fresh Eatery	MEAL DUE TO CONSTRUCTION	41.38	41.38	834.21
Check	02/28/2023	Starbucks	STAFF MEETING	25.60	25.60	859.81
Total Household						
Maintenance						
Bill	02/07/2023	L.N. Curtis and Sons	TFT REPAIR	23.21	23.21	23.21
Bill	02/09/2023	NAPA Auto Parts - Esca...	INV# 845	27.47	27.47	50.68
Bill	02/09/2023	Farmer's Blacksmith & ...	RENTAL ON WELDING TANK 2023	50.00	50.00	100.68
Bill	02/09/2023	Farmer's Blacksmith & ...	1 X GAUGE; 5 X CUT OFF BLADES	38.25	38.25	138.93
Bill	02/09/2023	Burton's Fire, Inc.	E 1-1 REPAIR MASTER LIGHT SWITCH	304.91	304.91	443.84
Bill	02/09/2023	Burton's Fire, Inc.	E 1-1 REPLACE PS REAR FENDERETTE; REPLACE SS TRIM	1,501.57	1,501.57	1,945.41
Bill	02/25/2023	NLPI CARQUEST ESC...	PROPANE	80.05	80.05	2,025.46
Total Maintenance						
Maintenance Structure & Grounds						
Bill	02/09/2023	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	GARAGE REPAIR - BATTERY	29.37	29.37	29.37
Check	02/09/2023	Silva, Moises	REPLACEMENT WATER FILTER GE REFRIGERATOR	28.44	28.44	57.81
Check	02/13/2023	Amazon	25 PK - LED LIGHT BULBS	129.29	129.29	187.10
Check	02/20/2023	Amazon	25 PK - LED BULBS	129.29	129.29	316.39

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Total Maintenance Structure & Grounds						
New Equipment						
Check	02/01/2023	Amazon	3 X 71' METAL STORAGE CABINET	743.43	743.43	743.43
Check	02/08/2023	Contec	AMBULATORY BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR	149.00	149.00	892.43
Total New Equipment						
Office Expenses						
Check	02/01/2023	United States Post Office	STAMPS	63.00	63.00	63.00
Check	02/06/2023	Amazon	1 PENCIL SHARPENER	16.14	16.14	79.14
Bill	02/09/2023	Warden's	2 PK SCISSORS; SWIFFER DUSTER KIT; COFFEE CREAMER	55.21	55.21	134.35
Bill	02/09/2023	Ricoh USA, Inc. COPIES	B&W 916; COLOR 1502	87.42	87.42	221.77
Bill	02/09/2023	STAPLES	PAPER; 4 X DRY ERASER MAKERS AND CADDY	91.14	91.14	312.91
Bill	02/25/2023	Ricoh USA, Inc.	MONTHLY COPIER LEASE	202.67	202.67	515.58
Total Office Expenses						
Small Tools & Equipment						
Check	02/01/2023	Cassidy Bohannon	RE-IMBURSE SMALL ORGANIZERS	22.77	22.77	22.77
Bill	02/02/2023	L.N. Curtis and Sons	SMOOTH BORE INSERT KIT; 50 PSI METRO 1 DISC	272.73	213.33	236.10
Bill	02/09/2023	L.N. Curtis and Sons	SMOOTH BORE INSERT KIT; 50 PSI METRO 1 DISC	272.73	59.40	295.50
Bill	02/09/2023	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	HYDRANT MAINT. - SCRATCH BRUSH SHOE HANDLE	8.97	8.97	304.47
Check	02/20/2023	Amazon	FIRE BARRICADE TAPE	39.76	39.76	344.23
Bill	02/25/2023	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	MICRO ENGRAVER 7200RPM	28.00	28.00	372.23
Total Small Tools & Equipment						
Special Accounting Reports						
Bill	02/09/2023	Johnson & Associates C...	6-30-22 COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENT	500.00	500.00	500.00
Total Special Accounting Reports						
Structure Improvements						
Check	02/27/2023	Amazon	BATHROOM ADDITION - SPEAKER FOR ALERT SYSTEM	46.97	46.97	46.97
Check	02/28/2023	Conexwest	MONTHLY STORAGE CONTAINER LEASE	85.12	85.12	132.09
Total Structure Improvements						
Utilities						
Total Utilities						

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Bill	02/09/2023	PG&E 2		66.47	66.47	66.47
Bill	02/09/2023	Gilton Solid Waste	STATION 2	120.66	120.66	187.13
Check	02/10/2023	Insect IQ, Inc	MONTHLY SERVICE	89.00	89.00	276.13
Check	02/10/2023	Insect IQ, Inc	STATION 1	89.00	89.00	365.13
Bill	02/25/2023	DIRECTV	MONTHLY SERVICE	184.99	184.99	550.12
Bill	02/25/2023	Alhambra	MONTHLY SERVICE	98.99	98.99	649.11
Bill	02/25/2023	PG&E 1	STATION 1	1,605.49	1,605.49	2,254.60
Total Utilities						
Total Expense				24,460.96	24,460.96	24,460.96
Net Ordinary Income					694,323.63	694,323.63
Net Income					694,323.63	694,323.63

Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2022 through February 2023

	<u>Jul '22 - Feb 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Expense				
Auditor Direct Assessment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Cafeteria Plan Medical	0.00	7,200.00	-7,200.00	0.0%
Capital Expense	39,040.27	142,627.00	-103,586.73	27.4%
Communications	26,189.11	39,000.00	-12,810.89	67.2%
Contingencies	0.00	70,000.00	-70,000.00	0.0%
Employee Expenses	0.00	933,550.00	-933,550.00	0.0%
Fire Prevention	854.23	3,000.00	-2,145.77	28.5%
Firefighter Safety Gear	4,070.51	15,000.00	-10,929.49	27.1%
Fuel	14,250.64	15,000.00	-749.36	95.0%
Health Insurance	92,737.61	135,000.00	-42,262.39	68.7%
Household	18,774.22	26,000.00	-7,225.78	72.2%
Insurance Casualty	25,851.00	25,000.00	851.00	103.4%
Maintenance	33,314.09	27,000.00	6,314.09	123.4%
Maintenance Structure & Grounds	1,133.35	8,000.00	-6,866.65	14.2%
Medi-Care	0.00	9,790.00	-9,790.00	0.0%
Memberships	7,163.02	2,200.00	4,963.02	325.6%
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
New Equipment	2,898.16	7,500.00	-4,601.84	38.6%
Office Expenses	6,143.30	10,000.00	-3,856.70	61.4%
Overtime	0.00	61,000.00	-61,000.00	0.0%
Professional Services	11,153.96	25,000.00	-13,846.04	44.6%
Publications and Legal Notices	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Retirement	65,322.72	64,500.00	822.72	101.3%
Salaries	549,334.92	614,000.00	-64,665.08	89.5%
Small Tools & Equipment	9,758.86	7,000.00	2,758.86	139.4%
Social Security (FICA)	0.00	41,850.00	-41,850.00	0.0%
Special Accounting Reports	2,735.27	2,000.00	735.27	136.8%
Special Departmental Expenses	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.0%
Special District COVID-19 Relie	70,101.00	621,171.50	-551,070.50	11.3%
Structure Improvements	1,032.02	5,000.00	-3,967.98	20.6%
Tax Administration Charges	0.00	18,500.00	-18,500.00	0.0%
Taxes & Assessments	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Training & Transportation	7,588.32	12,000.00	-4,411.68	63.2%
Unemployment Comp EDD	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
Utilites	18,294.01	16,000.00	2,294.01	114.3%
Workers Compensation Insurance	17,714.00	68,000.00	-50,286.00	26.1%
Total Expense	<u>1,025,454.59</u>	<u>3,051,388.50</u>	<u>-2,025,933.91</u>	<u>33.6%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-1,025,454.59</u>	<u>-3,051,388.50</u>	<u>2,025,933.91</u>	<u>33.6%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-1,025,454.59</u></u>	<u><u>-3,051,388.50</u></u>	<u><u>2,025,933.91</u></u>	<u><u>33.6%</u></u>

**SAN JOAQUIN
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

LAFCo

44 N SAN JOAQUIN STREET SUITE 374 STOCKTON, CA 95202

AGENDA

Thursday, March 9, 2023 9:00 A.M.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
44 NORTH SAN JOAQUIN STREET, 6TH FLOOR
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

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Call to Order
Announce Date and Time of Meeting for the Record
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT ITEMS

1. MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2023
(Action by All Members)
Approve Summary Minutes of the February Regular Meeting.
2. OUT-OF-AGENCY SERVICE REQUEST
(Action by Regular Members)
Request from the City of Stockton to provide out-of-agency sewer water supply outside the City boundary under Government Code §56133 to 744 Merced Avenue, 2933 Howe Street and 441 N. Anteros Avenue in Stockton, CA.
3. APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) FOR MOUNTAIN HOUSE SPECIAL COUNCIL.
(Action of Regular Members)
Approval of a PSA with White Brenner LP for special counsel services pertaining to Mountain House Community Services District proposals.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. COLLEGE PARK III MACHADON REORGANIZATION TO THE MOUNTAIN HOUSE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (MHCSO) (LAFCo 29-22)
(Action by Regular Members)
Request to annex three (3) parcels totaling 136.09 acres to MHCSO with concurrent detachment from Tracy Rural Fire District , and San Joaquin Conservation District.
5. TRACY HILLS II REORGANIZATION TO THE CITY OF TRACY (LAFCo 03-23)
(Action by Regular Members Only)

Request to annex 35.72 acres to the City of Tracy with concurrent detachment from the San Joaquin Conservation District

6. CITY OF ESCALON FINAL MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (MSR) AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI) UPDATE (LAFCO 30-22)

(Action by Regular Members)

The Commission will review and take action on the staff recommendation to adopt the City of Escalon's MSR and SOI expansion of 59 acres.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. Persons wishing to address the Commission on matters not otherwise on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENTS

7. Comments from the Executive Officer

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

8. Comments, Reports, or Questions from the LAFCO Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

Fire Protection

Fire protection and emergency medical services are provided by the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District (EFD). EFD, formed in 1912, provides fire suppression and rescue operations around the clock to a district that covers 65 square miles of primarily agricultural land. EFD does not have a contract with the City to provide these services however the City is within their service boundary. The map on the following page illustrates the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District's boundaries.

When fully staffed the department consists of a Fire Chief, three (3) Battalion Chiefs, and three (3) Firefighter Engineers. Coverage is based on a three (3) Platoon Shift. The firefighter's schedule has been adjusted so the City is adequately covered while they seek the additional firefighters. Support personnel consist of one (1) part time Administrative Assistant. These personnel are assisted by ten (10) reserve officers and six (6) volunteers.

Between January of 2019 and December 2019 there were 1,342 calls for assistance. The average reflux time (time from dispatch to on scene) for calls within the City limits is 5 minutes 32 seconds. Reflux time to rural areas is an average of 9 minutes 50 seconds. The District's 90 percentile "turnout time" and "travel time" in 2009 was 2:25 minutes turnout time and 7:25 minutes response time. These times were below the average 90 percentile time for all combination rural fire districts at 2:18 minutes turnout time and 7:13 minutes travel time. (Source: San Joaquin LAFCo Final Municipal Service Review for Rural Fire Districts, October 21, 2011). These response times continue to be accurate as of September, 2021 per email correspondence with the Escalon Fire District Chief Rick Mello (email correspondence on September 13, 2021).

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) currently classifies the area in the City as a Class 4 and the rural area as a Class 8b.

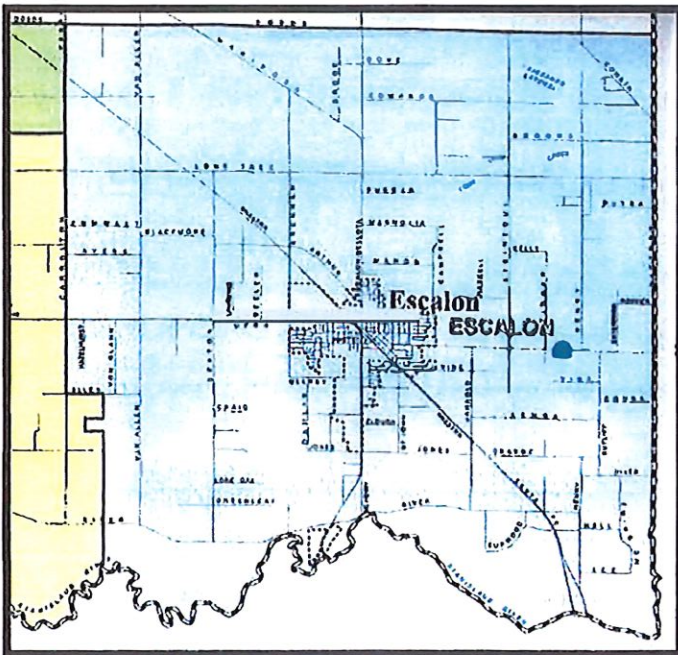


Figure 3 – Escalon Fire District

The City of Escalon MSR found that EFD costs to maintain equipment and facilities and to train and equip personnel is expected to increase. Additional facilities, personnel, equipment, and materials costs

will be offset through the increased revenue and fees generated by the expanded property tax base, the Fire Facility Fee and the override tax.

The City of Escalon MSR is consistent with the 2011 San Joaquin Rural Fire District MSR. The 2011 Fire District MSR found that:

- The two revenue sources for the District include property tax revenue (28.2 percent) and special tax override (71.1 percent). The District receives the lowest property tax increment of all rural fire districts. It would not be able sustain operations if it did not have a special tax override in place.
- The District did not experience a dramatic decrease in property tax revenues as did other rural fire districts. Property taxes revenues decreased 4.85 percent between 2008 and 2010. Over half of the fire districts saw a decrease of over 10 percent in its property tax revenue base.
- The District's property tax revenue base is not affected by city annexations.

The 2011 conditions remain with a relatively stable property tax base and the special tax override being essential for EFD to operate. The City MSR found that the Fire Facility fees may not be adequate to meet the projected needs in the future. The Fire Facility fee has not been reviewed or increased since the early 1990's. It is suggested that the Fire District commission a nexus study to determine the appropriate fee for new development with escalation rate so that the Fire District can ensure their ability to adequately accommodate the projected growth. If the nexus study or a subsequent fee adjustment is unsuccessful, the City will explore other permissible funding mechanisms to provide adequate fire service to residents of the City of Escalon.

The evaluation of fire protection service will be an on-going issue that will need to be resolved as Escalon continues its managed growth. The proposed SOI for the City of Escalon is a 59 acre increase in size is expected to provide growth capacity until 2050. The annual UOP annual growth projection for the City of Escalon of less than 1% is compared to the 2011 Rural Fire District MSR that found that the District's population is projected to grow at an average rate of 1.4 percent annually, from 12,598 in 2010 to 18,836 in 2040, an increase of 6,238 people. In 2040 the City of Escalon is projected to account for approximately 55% (using the average of UOP and GMO growth forecasts) of the population of EFD. LAFCo is expected to complete an update to the 2011 Rural Fire District MSR during FY 23-24. As annexations take place, the City and LAFCo staff will evaluate EFD's ability to provide effective service in relation to the existing and updated Fire District MSR.

The City MSR recognizes the need for cooperation with EFD in evaluating future annexations and states that:

"As the City grows and the capital expenditures and staffing needs increase, the City will need to work closely with the Escalon FD to ensure that the fire district is able to adequately service the additional population generated by the annexation of additional land into the City. This may mean that the City establishes a contract with the Fire District for the required level of services needed by the City or the City and District work together to implement a fire mitigation fee or a public safety tax."

The City of Escalon's MSR has a more detailed discussion of Fire Protection needs within the community. The upcoming LAFCo prepared Rural Fire District MSR Update is expected to complement the findings of Escalon's MSR:

Chief's Report

March 2023

Emergency Responses

February 2023

- Medical Aid 51
- Public Service Assist 7
- Vehicle Accidents 7
- Vegetation Fires 0
- Structure Fires 1
- Vehicle Fires 2
- Other Incidents 11

○ Total For Month: 79

Total Feb 22: 76

○ Total for 2023: 177

Total for 2022: 180

C-Shift Monthly Report
Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program

February Drills

2-7-2023	EMT Skills	(8 participants)
2-15-2023	Technical Rescue	(10 participants)
2-23-2023	Forcible Entry	(7 participants)

We interviewed 8 possible candidates. We have offered 6 of them positions as reserves. They are currently going through their background and medicals.

The new 24 hour program is in its second trial month and seems to be working out. Hours covered has increased since starting the program.

New uniform shirt program is underway. Engineer Burr has been checking with several vendors to get the best price and quality for the district.

Prevention

Monthly Report: One new business, Taco Truck at Main and 4th Street. One business relocation, Patched Pumpkin relocated to Hwy 120 and San Joaquin.

Apparatus and Equipment

- Chief Expedition went to Tom Hillier Ford for service. Battery was replaced under warranty.
- E 1-1 is currently at Burn's Truck and Trailer awaiting a radiator and transmission service.
- Bauer Compressor was ordered and has a tentative delivery and installation date set for the middle of April.
- MSA SCBA's were ordered with no delivery date scheduled.

Buildings and Grounds

- Upstairs bathroom project is underway.
- There have been no major issues found following the recent severe weather. Ayera has conducted a site inspection of the tower system.

San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs Association

- Meeting 3-1-23, general business.

San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 2-15-23, meeting canceled.

Miscellaneous

- The Appreciation Dinner is returning on Friday, April 28.
- We are continuing the trial period for the new Reserve/Volunteer shift pay system.
- Starbuck's will be hosting "coffee with a firefighter" on Saturday, March 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- On Wednesday, March 8, while responding to an incident E 1-2 struck the apparatus bay door, causing major damage to the door. Cromwell & Ney started a claim with VFIS and emergency repairs have been made. It appears that no damage was done to the Engine.

Training Division 2022 Annual Report

Training for 2022 was another productive year. We had a large number of reserve/volunteer leave, however we did get several new personnel that have become the backbone of the program. The Battalion Chiefs worked together on bring continuity to the training division. Having each shift host a drill each month allows the reserves/volunteers to see training styles. This year the focal point was on our fire investigation unit. We had 7 of our personnel complete the 3 required classes for fire investigation. We have begun to develop the fire investigation unit and have had the opportunity for some of our newer personnel take the lead on investigations.

Name	Drill Hours	Target Solution Hours	On-Duty Training	Investigation Classes
Bennett	87			
Bohannon	33			
Burr	33			
Cannon	51			
Christensen	69			
Gallo	42			
Morriss	30			
Parshall	30			
Pelot	36			
Roach	84			
Rodriguez	84			
Silva	24			
Stubbert	75			
Teixeira	78			
Velasco	30			

* Training was done but just never received documentation

2022 Training Goals

Complete the creating the annual task books.

Update annual training calendar to focus on training needs.

Continue to use and improve on the use of Target Solutions.

Reserve and Volunteer Program

The reserve and volunteer program has gone through some bumps and changes throughout 2022. We gained some new faces and lost a lot of our experienced members due to changes in their lives. We are working in a difficult time now trying to find new members to be part of the fire service. We have a good core group, and we are up to the challenges that are thrown our way.

2022 Reserve and Volunteer Goals

Improve accountability throughout the group.

Improve teamwork and communication within the group.

Improve moral within the group.

Provide feedback to the reserves and volunteers through personnel evaluations.

Fire Investigation Unit

It was a building year for the Fire Investigation Unit. We were able to host the 3 core classes to become a fire investigator. We had 7 of our personnel complete the classes. The old chief Expedition has been designated as the fire investigation unit and has begun being outfitted with investigation equipment. During 2022 our personnel investigated at least 5 major fires, one included a fire fatality.

Respectfully submitted by
Joe Pelot
C-shift Battalion Chief
Training Division

Operations and Maintenance

2022 Annual Report

I have completed my second year in the Operations and Maintenance Division along with Firefighter/Engineer Cassidy Bohannon. During this last year, the maintenance division has completed consistent preventative maintenance for safe and efficient day-to-day operations. We oversee our operations each day finding ways to make improvements where needed.

Programs that were maintained during 2022

- Annual pump testing for all apparatus.
- Annual servicing and testing of Cascade compressor for filling SCBA bottles.
- Quarterly inspections of all apparatus performed by the maintenance shift.
- Annual ladder testing.
- Annual PPE inspection.
- Annual SCBA testing and maintenance.
- Annual auto extrication equipment service.

Projects that were accomplished during 2022

- Standardizing Engine 1-1 and Engine 1-2 with the same complement of nozzles and hose loads
- Camera system and WIFI were installed at Station 2
- New flooring was installed in the kitchen and Battalion bedroom.

Projects to be accomplished during 2023

- Repair and remodel the upstairs bathroom with the addition of a second upstairs bathroom.
- Continue work on operational guidelines for the fire district.
- Implement annual maintenance recording measures on Emergency Reporting Software.
- Implement adequate record-keeping for PPE.

Respectfully submitted by
Moe Silva
B-Shift Battalion Chief
Operations and Maintenance

Prevention Annual Report

Annual report. 2022 was a year of catching up post COVID. As we know, many things took a back seat to the shutdown, public education and inspections notwithstanding.

We had the ability to return to the schools for public education. We were very excited about this as it is an integral way of educating our students as well as an eagerly accepted event for them.

Smoke Detector Battery Replacement program saw a slight decline in the number of participants. An effort to educate and encourage more involvement will take place in the spring/summer of 2023.

Inspections slowed dramatically during COVID. It is our plan to focus on fire safety with all businesses within the district. We are focusing on getting all fire extinguishers up to date. COVID saw a sharp decline in fire extinguisher companies completing their annual servicing and our businesses not having serviceable extinguishers. We will also implement a web based tracking for ease of record keeping.

Dan Morriss
Battalion Chief